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SUBJECT: DONOR PROGRAMS FOR THE URBAN POOR

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1. NO CURRENT OR PAST PROJECTS IN CANADIAN ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS HAVE BEEN TARGETED SPECIFICALLY AT URBAN POOR. EMBOFF DISCUSSED CONTENTS OF REFTEL WITH CIDA POLICY BRANCH OFFICIALS WHO SAID THAT RURAL DEVELOPMENT REMAINS PRINCIPAL PRIORITY OF CANADIAN BILATERAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS AND THERE ARE NO REPEAT NO CURRENT EFFORTS TO DEVISE POLICY OR PROGRAMS FOR URBAN POOR PER SE.

2. CIDA POLICY BRANCH OFFICIALS CHECKED WITH OTHER

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OFFICES TO DETERMINE WHETHER BUDGET ALLOCATION FIGURES

GIVE SOME INDICATION OF CURRENT PROGRAM ASSISTANCE DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY HELPING URBAN POOR. THEY REPORTED THAT CIDA DOES NOT PREPARE OR REPORT STATISTICS WHICH COULD GIVE SUCH INFORMATION. HELP TO URBAN POOR WOULD BE INCLUDED IN OVERALL FIGURES ON FOOD AID, EDUCATION OR OTHER SECTOR CATEGORIES, BUT EXTENT OF AID ACTUALLY REACHING URBAN POOR OR ASCRIBING COST OF SUCH PROGRAMS IS IMPOSSIBLE TO DETERMINE.

3. SOME OF CIDA'S ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS REACH URBAN POOR INDIRECTLY, WHETHER ON BILATERAL BASIS OR THROUGH CONTRIBUTIONS TO INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS. FOR EXAMPLE, CIDA'S BILATERAL EFFORTS IN TECHNICAL EDUCATION IN AFRICA WOULD ASSIST URBAN STUDENTS AND CANADIAN CONTRIBUTIONS TO UNHCR WOULD HELP REFUGEES IN URBAN AREAS, BUT THERE IS NO WAY NOW THAT CIDA CAN ESTABLISH BUDGET FIGURES SHOWING URBAN POOR ALLOCATIONS.

4. ONE OF SEVEN PRIORITIES LISTED IN GOC NEW AID STRATEGY IS HOUSING AND ENERGY, AND, ACCORDING TO CIDA OFFICIALS, HOUSING IS SUBJECT OF POLICY PAPER IN PREPARATION. PAPER WOULD INCLUDE HOUSING FOR URBAN POOR, AND, AS CURRENTLY ENVISAGED, CIDA WOULD, IN CONJUNCTION WITH IBRD, PROVIDE FUNDS AND EXPERTISE TO UPGRADE EXISTING HOUSING IN URBAN AREAS THROUGH SITES AND SERVICES PROGRAM (E.G., PROVIDE BASIC INFRASTRUCTURE OF SEWER ROADS, ETC. TO IMPROVE SLUMS AND SQUATTER SETTLEMENTS). AS POLICY PAPER STILL IN FORMATIVE STAGE, NO COST FIGURES HAVE BEEN ESTABLISHED.
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